GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1552
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2004
WITHDRAWAL OF AMRITSAR-KALKA MAIL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that various cities of Punjab i.e. Amritsar, Gurdaspur etc. have no direct rail link with Chandigarh at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a train named Amritsar-Kalka mail used to run earlier was withdrawn;

(d) if so, the reasons for withdrawing that train; and

(e) the steps taken to provide rail linking of Punjab`s cities with Chandigarh by restoring the withdrawn train?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. There is no direct train available between Amritsar/Gurdaspur and Chandigarh at present.

(c) to (e): 4535/4536 Amritsar-Kalka Express was withdrawn due to poor patronisation. Restoration of the said train is not commercially justified.